

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 10) of the Office Action Summary, please indicate the acceptance of the Replacement Sheets of Drawings filed on June 6, 2007.
- 2) The claims have been amended as follows. Independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of prior claim 10. Claims 8 and 10 have been canceled. The dependency of claim 11 has been changed in view of the cancellation of claim 10 and amendment of claim 9. The other claims have been maintained without further amendment. This mere combination of claim 10 with claim 9 does not introduce any new matter. Entry and consideration of the claim amendments are respectfully requested.
- 3) The election of Species I relating to Figs. 2 to 5 is affirmed. After the present amendments, claims 1 to 7, 9, 11 and 12 read on the elected species. Furthermore, previously withdrawn claims 14 to 22 have been rejoined and allowed in view of their dependence from allowed generic claim 12. Thus, all remaining claims 1 to 7, 9, 11, 12 and 14 to 22 are subject to further examination.
- 4) Referring to section 4 on page 3 of the Office Action the allowance of claims 1 to 7, 12 and 14 to 22 is appreciated. These claims have been maintained without further amendment and thus still stand allowed.

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- 5) Referring to section 5 on page 3 of the Office Action, the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10 and 11 is appreciated. The allowable subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into currently amended independent claim 9, while claim 10 itself has been canceled. Thus, currently amended claim 9 and its dependent claim 11 should now be allowable.
- 6) Referring to section 3 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the prior art rejection of claims 8 and 9 has been obviated by the present amendment. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of non-rejected claim 10. Thus, the prior art rejection cannot apply against any of the present remaining claims. Please withdraw the rejection.
- 7) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 7, 9, 11, 12 and 14 to 22, are respectfully requested.

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